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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Makoto OUCHI, et al.

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FOR: POLYLACTIC ACID COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND MOLDED BODY

**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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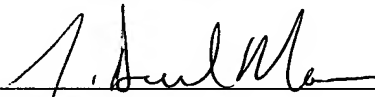
Responsive to the notification dated October 15, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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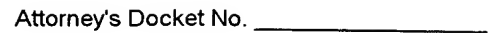
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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name,

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<u>P2002-207250</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>16 / July / 2002</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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